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REPLY NEEDED BY: 08/31/2012		

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

While working on sanitary lines from a bathroom, will the VA personnel be vacated from the floor below or will this be done on off shift hours? If so, does all ceiling tile need to be back in place with a final cleaning done for occupancy the next morning.

**REPLY:**

If work is going to be done in an occupied area, the work will need to be done off-hours. All ceiling tiles must be re-installed and final cleaning prior to next work day.

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<b>INFORMATION NEEDED:</b> Was this project designed prior to the installation of all new duct work and heating lines on the 4th and 5th floors? If so, is it the contractors responsibility to find new routing for domestic and sanitary lines in these areas?	
<b>REPLY:</b> Yes, this project was designed before construction of those items on the 4th and 5th floors. However the design did take into account the design documents of said project. Therefore, the contractor is responsible for contacting the VA immediately if conditions are different than the design documents and if rerouting of domestic and sanitary piping is required then the VA will work with the AE of records and the contractor to come up with a no additional cost to the VA, solution.	
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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

There are no branch valves on any domestic water lines. Will the contractor be required to install new valves to existing lines to isolate bathrooms and sinks under construction in order to keep the surrounding areas occupied?

**REPLY:**

You are correct to assume that there are no branch valves on the existing domestic water line. One option is to install valves as necessary to keep surrounding areas up as necessary. Another option is to cap lines and reconnect as necessary. The disruption of service is to occur on off hours.

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RFI NO.: 5	DATE:	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE: Drawing PL-103
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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Located in middle of drawing, New Hot Water Generation Building. Refer to VA Federal Project No. 655-07-111, Sheet P-110, Latest Revision (to be supplied by COTR) for piping locations and details.  
I need this drawing and information.

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See attached drawing.

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RFI NO.: 6	DATE:	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE: 00 01 15-1 List of drawings
REPLY NEEDED BY:		

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

On the List of Drawings page it lists print page PL-160 Penthouse Sanitary Piping, but there is no print page PL-160 in the drawings on the website. Also, it is not listed on the Title Page G-101. Does this print exist, please advise.

**REPLY:**

These drawings are no longer needed, have been removed from section List of Drawings.

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RFI NO.: 7	DATE:	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE: Section 22 11 00 - Facility Water Distrib. section 2.2, print page PL-112
REPLY NEEDED BY:		

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

In spec section 22 11 00 (Water Distribution), section 2.2 Item A, it states "piping 3" & larger may be stainless steel". But on print page PL-112, note #2, it states "piping 3" & larger shall be stainless steel. Do we have an option & if so section 2.2, item B (Fittings for Copper Tube), there is no spec for the stainless steel fittings or application of the piping (welded, grooved). Please advise.

**REPLY:**

Refer to revised 22 11 00 spec section.

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REPLY NEEDED BY: asap		

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Looking through the demo prints we are salvaging 45 WC-1. The renovation drawings show re-installing 58 WC-1 are the remaining 13 WC-1 new or does the VA Hospital have salvaged WC-1 that we will install?

**REPLY:**

The remaining 13 are new fixtures.

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

- Please reference the description for Solicitation # VA-251-12-B0-113. The Budget indicated in the Solicitation is \$2M to \$5M, this Budget is just for project # 655-11-102 (Restroom Renovations). I believe that the Budget \$'s for Project #655-11-107 (Domestic Water Repair) needs to be added to the overall project value. The overall project value for the two "Combined" projects (#655-11-102 & #655-11-107) should be at least \$7M to \$10M. Please confirm the overall combined project value for Solicitation #VA-251-12-B0-113 is stated correctly, or increase budget as required.

**REPLY:**

2M to 5M is correct and includes both projects in the estimate.

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Please indicate on drawings the areas of masonry walls and Glazed block that will need to be removed and replaced to gain access to remove and install new plumbing. Approx 80% of the walls to be demo'd and replaced consist of Glazed Face CMU, or CMU with Ceramic Tile that will be effected by this project.

**REPLY:**

Assume worst case scenario for wall construction.

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

The scope of work for the asbestos abatement states that there is 2,000 LF of 2" pipe insulation, 500 LF of 2"-6" pipe insulation, and 200 fittings 2"-6", all contained in the walls and ceilings on the 3rd. floor, surgery suite area. Is this for Building #1?

**REPLY:**

Those totals are for the entire project which would include buildings 1, 2, 3 & 4, not just the surgery suite area. Must also consider the +/- 5% in quantities as described in the specs.

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Our demolition subcontractors have asked the following question: We need additional information about the building structure such as are the walls drywall, plaster, wire mesh, block, etc? Are the ceilings drop ceilings, plaster and black iron, etc, How tall are the ceilings? Please advise.

**REPLY:**

All contractors are responsible to field verify existing conditions. Presume 80% clay tile walls and 20% metal stud and gypsum board walls. Drop ceilings everywhere except building 2, 2nd floor & Building 4 women's restroom 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Ceiling height average to be 8'-0". This does not release the contractor from the responsibility of field verification or completing all work as required by the contract documents.

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Please indicate the infection control level that will need to be put in place for the work in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor surgery area.

**REPLY:**

Highest Risk, Type D refer to 01 01 20 – Infection Control spec section

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Will the work in the Surgery or sound sensitive areas require off shift work

**REPLY:**

Yes.

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Do we need to install new Sanitary and storm lines, before we demo out the existing in order to keep these systems active?

**REPLY:**

Yes.

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

At every wall hung lavatory location thru out the project, the following needs to be done: Remove a 3' wide section of the existing wall, floor to ceiling, install the behind wall floor mounted steel wall carrier for the new lav's, install new sanitary line, new Hot & Cold Domestic water lines, new vent, then rebuild wall using matching materials. It would be helpful for all trades if a sketch could be issued to outline the amount of work that needs to be done for each lav.

**REPLY:**

No detail will be issued at this time. Above verbiage summarizes the work required at each lavatory, but does not remove the responsibility of the contractor to complete all work as required by the contract documents.

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Please Reference Spec Section 01000 0 General Requirements Page 12 item 1.10 G  
In the Opinion of the VA, what percent of this project will need to be performed during off shift hours? We feel that it is 70%, do you concur?

**REPLY:**

Yes a good portion of this project will have to be completed during off shift hours, although the actual percentage may vary depending on how the contractor choses to phase the work needing to be complete.

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**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Please confirm that all domestic piping 3" and over, must be Stainless Steel? Please advise.

**REPLY:**

Yes, all domestic piping 3" and over is to be stainless steel

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<b>REPLY NEEDED BY: ASAP</b>		

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

What level of infection Control will be enforced for the Toilet Room Renovations? Will negative air machines be required for these same areas.

**REPLY:**

Different areas will have different Patient Risk Groups, but all construction to be Type D. Refer to 01 01 20 – Infection Control spec section. Yes, negative air machines will be required.

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SUBMITTED BY:	N/A	City/State:	N/A
PHONE NO.:	N/A		

**TO:**

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<b>RFI NO.:</b> 20	<b>DATE:</b> 11-11-12	<b>SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE:</b>
<b>REPLY NEEDED BY: ASAP</b>		

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Within the existing walls and chases, the existing Domestic water lines are all currently insulated with asbestos insulation. Quantities are identified in the specs, have these quantities been confirmed?

**REPLY:**

No, quantities have not been confirmed but they must include the +/-5% as described in the specs. Where additional work is required beyond the above variation, the contractor shall provide unit prices for newly discovered materials and those prices shall be used for additional work required under the contractor.

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RFI NO.: 21	DATE:	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE: 1-E100 "Electrical Symbol Legend"
REPLY NEEDED BY:		

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

Dear Sir,

In regard to the light fixtures specified on the above noted drawing, you have indicated by the part number that you would prefer the ballasts to be instant start, (EB81).

However, in the electrical specification section, (26 51 00 - 5 / 2.2) you have specified programmed / rapid start. Due to the fact that industry standards normally recommend the programmed / rapid start ballast in conjunction with occupancy sensors, please clarify which is correct. Thank you, Susan Sulski

**REPLY:**

Programmed/Rapid Start is correct, part number should end in ER81.

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RFI NO.: 22	DATE:	SPEC/DWG. REFERENCE: <del>20</del> 230711
REPLY NEEDED BY:		

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

*SPEC SECTION 230711 IS MISSING  
MECH. INSULATION  
DO THEY WANT ANYTHING INSULATED / WHAT TYPE / THICKNESS*

**REPLY:**

Refer to new attached spec section.

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